

REMARKS

Claim 14 has been amended to correct a claim numbering informality. Claims 1-21 remain in the application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the application in view of the following.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *Dvorak* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0071171). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the reason that *Dvorak* is believed to be inapplicable as Section 102(e) prior art with respect to the claimed invention.

Applicant submits herewith a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 (hereinafter “Rule 131 Declaration”). In the Rule 131 Declaration, the inventor swears behind the September 30, 2003 filing date of *Dvorak* by showing that he conceived the invention in this country at least as early as March 27, 2003 and that diligence was exercised from that date until this application was filed. In view of the Rule 131 Declaration, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under Section 102(e) is overcome. As the issue of whether *Dvorak* anticipates claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-18 and 20 is now believed to be moot, Applicant respectfully omits comment herein as to why *Dvorak* does not anticipate the claims.

Claims 5, 7, 12, 14, 19 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Dvorak* in view of *Katsuranis* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0021336). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the reason that because the base reference, *Dvorak*, is inapplicable as Section 102(e) prior art, a rejection based upon the combination of *Dvorak* and *Katsuranis* is also inapplicable. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is also overcome.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing response places the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact Bobby Slaton at (972) 477-1497.

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